concerns of said corporation, not being contrary to this CHAP. 153. act; to purchase, own, possess, freight, hire, charter, and build vessels, and the same to sell and dispose of and to purchase and dispose of cargoes for the same, and to charge and receive commission, pay or hire on all merchandise and other things, owned by others and freighted in such vessels, and for passengers conveyed therein, and generally to do all such acts and things, as shall be proper and necessary for the purpose of conducting a line or lines of packets or vessels by steam or otherwise, for the transportation of merchandise and other things, and the conveyance of passengers between the cities of Baltimore and New York, or elsewhere, and also to engage in any lawful business calculated to give employment to the said packets or vesbe entitled to give in person

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That the capital stock Capital stock. of said corporation shall be one hundred thousand dol- &c. lars, divided into one thousand shares of one hundred dollars each; ten dollars shall be paid on each share at the time of subscribing, and the remainder in instalments, as the board of directors may require; and privilege is hereby given to the said company to increase its capital stock to three hundred thousand dollars, by new subscriptions, or by adding to the said capital semiannually, a portion of its nett profits, not otherwise appropriated, whenever it shall be so determined by the board of directors.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That the persons named Subscriptions, in the first section of this act, or a majority of them, by whom rebe, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to re. ceived. ceive subscriptions to the capital stock of said company, and they, or a majority of them, may cause books to be opened at such time and place in Baltimore, or elsewhere, as they may direct, for the purpose of receiving such subscriptions, and may keep the same open until the whole number of shares shall have been taken or subscribed for; and when five hundred shares shall have been subscribed for, it shall be lawful for said company to proceed and act in all things according to this charter.

SEC. 4. And be it enacted, That if any subscriber or his assignees, shall refuse or neglect to pay the in- pay. stalment before mentioned, or any part thereof, for the space of ten days next, after the same shall become due and payable, the stock on which the same is demanded, shall not be forfeited to the said company, but the original subscriber shall and may be held liable for the full amount due on such stock.

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